GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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World Water Council Survey
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Water Council in its survey has stated that Indian Government need to lead the fight to make global access to drinking water and sanitation a reality;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken on the basis of the outcome/ recommendations of the survey?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a)to (c) World Water Council (WWC), an international and independent organisation, carried out a major survey on water awareness in major parts of the world, including India. In its survey, WWC has reported that a majority (71%) of Indians said that safe drinking water had improved over the last five years. The survey also stated that 62% of the Indians said they believed that the government was doing enough to support access to safe drinking water.
Further, Government of India (GoI)has no MoU with WWCand they have also not shared their report with GoI.As such, this Ministry has not taken action based on the said report. This Ministry under centrally sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) provides technical & financial assistance to states for rural drinking water supply.As rural drinking water supply is a state subject, it is the State Governments which are empowered to plan, design, approve and execute rural drinking water supply schemes to continuously improve the coverage in respect of drinking water.

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